



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application Of:	)	Confirmation No. 5724
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Daniel DUPRET <i>et al.</i>	)	Group Art Unit: 1636
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Application No.: 10/713,006	)	Examiner: AKHAVAN, Ramin
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Filed: November 17, 2003	)	

For: METHOD OF PREPARING POLYNUCLEOTIDE FRAGMENTS FOR USE IN  
SHUFFLING, AND SHUFFLING OF SAME

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 3, 2005**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005 (the "Office Action"),  
Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply (the "Reply"). This Reply is provided in  
the following format:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5  
of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.